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DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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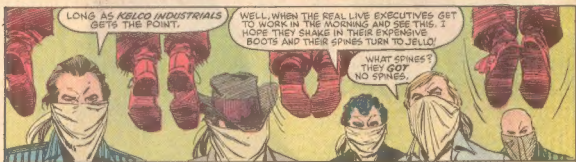
SAVE THE PLANET

J.R.JR.
AUG.

WOOSH!
CRACK!

SAVE THE PLANET!

TOM
DEFALCO
EDITOR IN CHIEF





I'M WITH **GUNNER**! MY BOY WAS **BLINDED** BY **KELCO'S** WASTE! THESE BY-PRODUCTS OF THEIRS ARE BEIN' DUMPED EVERY DAY LEACHIN' INTO THE SOIL, STINKIN' UP THE AIR, **POLLUTIN'** POISONING GOOD FOLK EVERY DAY!

I GOT THE BOMB RIGHT HERE!

PUT THAT AWAY, ROSS!

NO! THE EARTH IS BEIN' DESTROYED! IT'S MY RIGHT TO STOP IT!

HOLD ON, MAN! THE KIND OF **PROTEST WARFARE** WE DID TONIGHT MAKES A **STATEMENT** BUT WE WON'T GET **ARRESTED**.

YOU BOMB THIS COMPANY, YOU'LL **RUIN OUR CAUSE**! THEY'LL SEE THE WHOLE **ECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT** AS **FRINGE-ELEMENT CRAZIES**!

AAH, ALL RIGHT. BUT I THINK WE'RE BEIN' TOO **WIMPY**.



COME ON, LET'S GO! WE'LL TALK ABOUT MORE **DRASTIC** METHODS IF THIS DOESN'T WORK!

DARN RIGHT! THIS DON'T WORK, I'LL BE BACK!



SO LONG, COWBOYS.

HATE TO RUIN YOUR CAUSE FOR YOU...



BUT THIS IS **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**. NOTHIN' PERSONAL.

YOU GUYS WANNA SAVE THE PLANET. YOU SHOULD START A **PLAGUE**, WIPE OUT HALF THE POPULATION.



IT'S **PEOPLE**, MILLIONS OF 'EM, **CROWDIN'** LIKE RATS, **CRAWLIN'** ALL OVER EACH OTHER, **THAT'S** WHAT'S **KILLIN'** THE PLANET.



THIS HAZARDOUS WASTE HOOPLA WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM IF WE GOT RIDDA SOME PEOPLE AND ALL THE GARBAGE THAT GOES WITH 'EM!

STILL, I GOTTA ADMIRE THOSE ECOLOGY TERRORISTS.



BUT GENERAL'S ORDERS ARE THEY GOTTA BE FRAMED.

ONE STIFF SHOULD DO IT. DRESS HIM UP IN THIS TOXIC GUNK, LIKE IT'S ALL PARTA THE TERRORISTS' SHOW.



GUESS THEY'LL GET ARRESTED FOR MURDER, BUT THE PUBLICITY MIGHT HELP THEIR CAUSE.



YUCK, GUNK'S ALL OVER!

EH, THIS STUFF CAN'T HURT ME.



SO LONG, PAL. SORRY 'BOUT THIS. YOU HADDA GO SOMETIME, NOTHIN' PERSONAL. I'LL SMOKE A BUTT IN YOUR HONOR.

NOBODY'LL MISS YOU, YOU'RE DOIN' THE WORLD A FAVOR.

I LIKE TO THINK OF ALL DEATHS AS LIFE-AFFIRMING ACTS, ONE LESS BODY TO CONSUME AND POLLUTE THE PLANET.

THINK I'LL WASH ALL THIS DOWN WITH A BEER...



LATER, IN NEW YORK CITY'S HELL'S KITCHEN...

PRÉEMPTIVE STRIKE, ESCALATION OF CONVENTIONAL WAR, HUMAN ERROR...

COMPUTER ERROR,
REASONED INSANITY...

WHOLE LOTTA
WAYS IT COULD
HAPPEN. I
WONDER...

I BET IT'LL BE AN ACCIDENT!
YEAH, SOMEBODY'LL JUST PUSH
THE WRONG BUTTON...

I MEAN, THE BUTTON'S
THERE. CHANCES ARE
SOMEBODY'LL PUSH IT...

OTHERWISE,
WHY WOULD IT
BE THERE...?

HEY,
SPORT!

DADDY! WOW! THIS
A REAL VISIT? YOU
GONNA STAY?!

NO, JUST
PASSING
THROUGH...

WANNA SEE
SOME REALLY
NEAT PICTURES?!
THEY GOT ACTUAL
MUSHROOM
CLOUDS IN
THIS BOOK!

YOU STILL
ON THAT
NUCLEAR
DEATH KICK?

YOU'RE
SUCH A
WEIRD
BUGGER.

YUCK!
WHAT'S THAT
STINK?! HEY,
YOUR HAND'S
GOT GOOP
ON IT!

HEY, WHY YOU GOT YOUR
COSTUME ON? YOU SAVE
SOMEBODY TODAY?

YEAH, THE USUAL, STOPPED
AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY.

WOW!

BY THE WAY, THAT'S
KINDA WHY I'M HERE...

THE JOB I DID IS SO SECRET,
TOP GOVERNMENT WORK--
LIKE, THE COPS CAN'T EVEN
KNOW ABOUT IT...

SO, IF
ANYONE
ASKS YOU,
I WAS HERE
WITH YOU...

YA MEAN
...LIE?!

YEAH, RIGHT.
I KNEW I COULD
COUNT ON MY
LANCE!

BUT, DAD, I CAN'T
LIE...YOU HAVEN'T
BEEN HERE IN
DAYS...

HEY, YUCK, WHAT IS
THAT STINKY
GOOP ANYWAY?

LOOK YOU! SHUT UP ABOUT THIS
GUNK, IT'S NOTHING. AN' IF THEY ASK,
YOU BETTER SAY I WAS HERE WITH
YOU. GET IT?!



YOU REALLY BUG ME, KID, AND YOU WONDER WHY I DON'T VISIT MORE OFTEN?

DAD! DON'T GO! I'LL TELL THEM FOR YOU...

I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE. I'LL COME BACK TOMORROW, TAKE YOU OUT TO SHOOT POOL, ALL RIGHT?



OKAY, DADDY. WE'LL GO OUT TOMORROW...



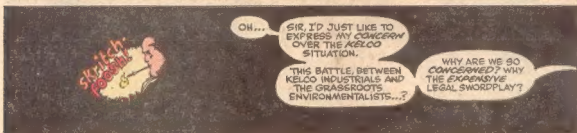
I'M READY.



EXCUSE ME...MR. FISK?

KINGPIN... SIR, ARE YOU IN HERE?

SHOULD I TURN ON A LIGHT... SIR?



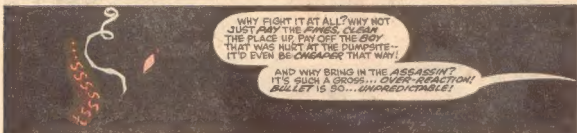
Sketchy Point!

OH...

SIR, I'D JUST LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN OVER THE KELCO SITUATION.

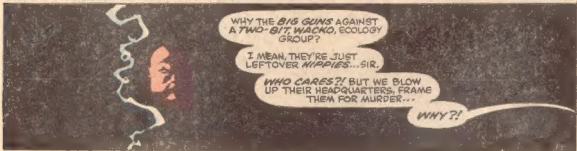
THIS BATTLE, BETWEEN KELCO INDUSTRIALS AND THE GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTALISTS...?

WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED? WHY THE EXPENSIVE LEGAL SWORDPLAY?



WHY FIGHT IT AT ALL? WHY NOT JUST PAY THE FINES, CLEAR THE PLACE UP, PAY OFF THE BOY THAT WAS HURT AT THE DUMPSITE-- IT'D EVEN BE CHEAPER THAT WAY!

AND WHY BRING IN THE ASSASSIN? IT'S SUCH A GROSS... OVER-REACTION! BULLET IS SO... UNPREDICTABLE!



WHY THE BIG GUNS AGAINST A TWO-BIT, WACKO, ECOLOGY GROUP?

I MEAN, THEY'RE JUST LEFTOVER HIPPIES... SIR.

WHO CARES?! BUT WE BLOW UP THEIR HEADQUARTERS, FRAME THEM FOR MURDER...

WHY?!

ANYWAY, WE'VE ALREADY BOUGHT OFF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GROUP--KELCO'S BEYOND THE REACH OF THE LAW...

EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT I'VE HEARD A BIT ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION AND WORD HAS IT YOU NEVER BOTHER WITH SUCH PETTY DETAILS...

AND FRANKLY I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN--

IF YOU MUST KNOW...

IF IT WILL STOP THE RATTLE OF THE EGGBEATER YOU CALL YOUR MIND...

I HAVE A FASCINATION WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

I HAVE INTEREST IN SHOWING A CERTAIN EX-LAWYER JUST WHAT A MOCKERY THAT SYSTEM IS.

BUT YOU, GENERAL--

--SHOULD LEARN TO SHUT UP AND OBEY ORDERS...

LIKE A GOOD LITTLE SOLDIER.

WHAT'S THE FUN OF HAVING A GENERAL IN YOUR POCKET, IF YOU DON'T USE HIM.

MORNING...

THAT STUFF'S RADIOACTIVE?

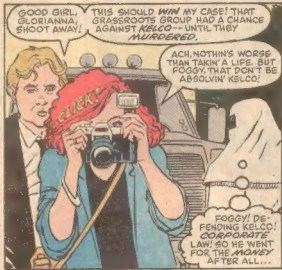
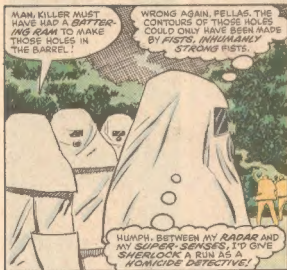
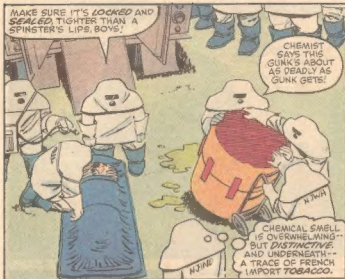
YEAH, IT'S PROBABLY LEACHIN' INTO THE AIR, COMIN' AT US RIGHT NOW!

WORST KINDA POISON--THE INVISIBLE KIND!

KELCO'S GONNA LOSE A BUNDLE, HAVIN' TA CLOSE DOWN LIKE THIS!

YOU SEE THOSE TRUCK TIRES LIKE SOMETHIN' WAS CHEWIN' ON THEM!

YOU KNOW, I WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THOSE EARTH LOVERS, BUT NOW--I MEAN MURDER! THEY LOST MY VOTE.





GLORI-- WHY DO YOU ALWAYS BRING UP MATT? CAN'T WE FORGET ABOUT MATT?!

ACH, FOGGY, BUT YOU'D NEVER HAVE TAKEN THIS CASE WHEN YOU WERE WORKIN' WITH MATT! YOU'D BE TOO ASHAMED...

MATT THIS, MATT THAT-- I'M SICK OF IT! I FEEL LIKE HE'S ALWAYS WATCHING US!

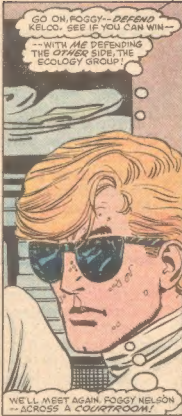
IF AM, FOGGY, MAY BE BLIND BUT I'M STILL WATCHING YOU.



NOT LIKE ME TO USE MY SUPER-HEARING TO EAVESDROP, BUT THIS IS JUST TOO BLASTED INTERESTING.

MY OLD PAL, MY OLD BUDDY, MY OLD PARTNER.

NJWI



GO ON, FOGGY-- DEFEND KELCO. SEE IF YOU CAN WIN--

--WITH ME DEFENDING THE OTHER SIDE, THE ECOLOGY GROUP!

WE'LL MEET AGAIN, FOGGY NELSON --ACROSS A COURTROOM!



AND, AT MATT MURDOCK'S FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC...

THE WORST PART IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL GROUPS!

YES, I'VE ALWAYS FOUND THEM TO BE CHAMPIONS IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE VERY EFFECTIVE, CRADLE-TO-GRAVE 'POLICE' METHODS WHEN IT COMES TO FOLLOWING HAZARDOUS WASTE.

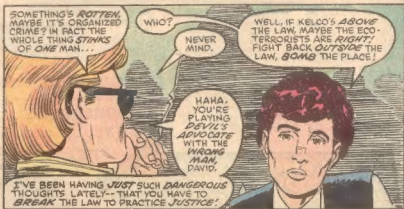


AND THEY SLAP COMPANIES WITH FINES UP TO THIRTY THOUSAND A DAY FOR VIOLATIONS!

BUT SUDDENLY, WE'RE GETTING JAMMED IN RED TAPE AND TECHNICALITIES!

LIKE KELCO HAS A FRIEND ON THE BOARD?

EXACTLY! KELCO'S GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER!



SOMETHING'S ROTTEN, MAYBE IT'S ORGANIZED CRIME? IN FACT THE WHOLE THING STINKS OF ONE MAN...

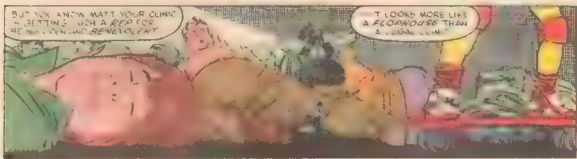
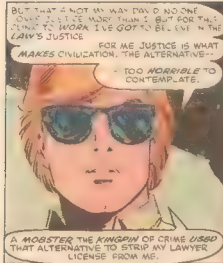
WHO?

NEVER MIND.

WELL, IF KELCO'S ABOVE THE LAW, MAYBE THE ECO-TERRORISTS ARE RIGHT. FIGHT BACK OUTSIDE THE LAW, BOMB THE PLACE!

HAHA, YOU'RE PLAYING DEVIL'S ADVOCATE WITH THE WRONG MAN, DAVID!

I'VE BEEN HAVING JUST SUCH DANGEROUS THOUGHTS LATELY-- THAT YOU HAVE TO BREAK THE LAW TO PRACTICE JUSTICE!





THAT'S GREASIER
THAN AN OIL SLICK.

WHATTA WE GONNA
DO HILDA?

WATCH ME BOYS,
THEN YOU DO THE
SAME, GOT IT?

GOT IT!



OFFICERS - THIS IS A DRUG AND SUICIDE HOTLINE
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT - HUM? HEY -

KAREN PLEASE DON'T
LET THEM CLASH YOU
STAY

I COULDN'T
LIVE WITHOUT
THIS PLACE -
I'D KILL
MYSELF!



NOW WHAT'S A PRETTY
GIRL LIKE YOU WANNA
DIE FOR?

PLEASE OFFICERS
WE'D BE OUT ON
THE STREETS SCORIN'
DRUGS IF IT WASN'T
FOR THIS PLACE!

BUCKO, THIS
IS OUTRAGEOUS!



OH MAN I CAN'T BELIEVE
MY BOYS ARE FALLIN' FOR
THIS CON!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
MY BOYS ARE SO
BRILLIANT!

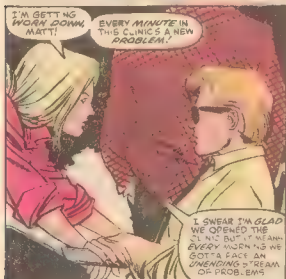
COME ON
BUCKO
WHATTA
YOU SAY?

ALL RIGHT, I'M
OUTTA HERE.

BUT YOU BETTER MAKE
YOUR COURT DATE, THEN
CLOSE DOWN IF THE
COURT ORDERS IT!

WELL

IT'S GO
BOYS



I'M GETTING
WORN DOWN,
MATT!

EVERY MINUTE IN
THIS CLINIC'S A NEW
PROBLEM!

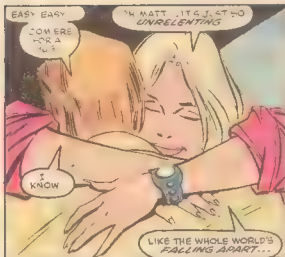
I SWEAR I'M GLAD
WE OPENED THE
CLINIC BUT IT MEANS
EVERY MORNING WE
GOTTA FACE AN
UNENDING STREAM
OF PROBLEMS

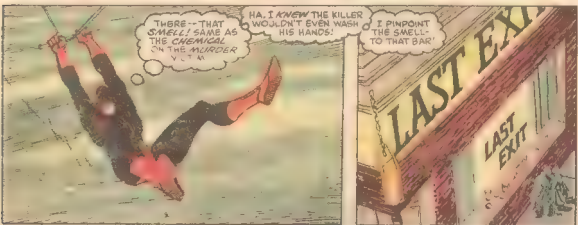
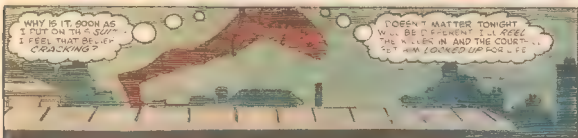


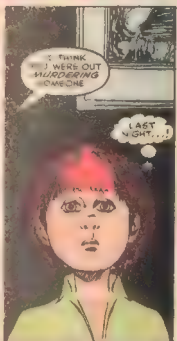
EVERYONES ON
DRUGS OR HAS
NO PARENTS OR
NO JOB OR WANT
TO DIE - THERE'S
NO SUCH THING
AS A NORMAL
FAMILY ANY-
MORE

I FEEL LIKE
IT'S ALL CHAOS,
CIVILIZATION'S
JUST A THIN VEIL
THAT'S DISINTE-
GRATING.

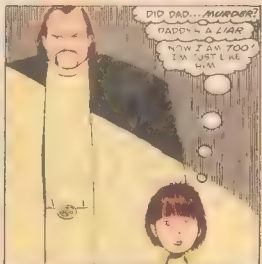
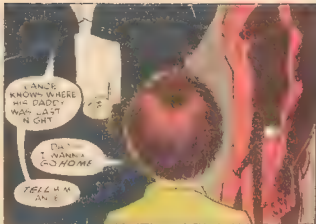
THE GOVERNMENT'S CORRUPT,
THE GUILTY GO FREE--



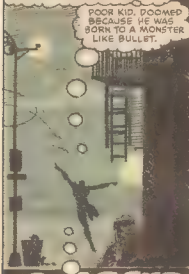








IT IS AS I THOUGHT--THE CORRUPT PROTECTING EACH OTHER. EVEN POOR LANCE IS BEING DRAWN INTO IT.



POOR KID. DOOMED BECAUSE HE WAS BORN TO A MONSTER LIKE BULLET.

STRANGE, THOUGH... I CAN SEE THAT THE ECOLOGY TERRORISTS' PRESSURE WAS DOING KELCO DAMAGE BUT TO FRAME THEM FOR MURDER? WHY BOTHER?

THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A 'GOOD OL' BOY' PROTECTION NETWORK

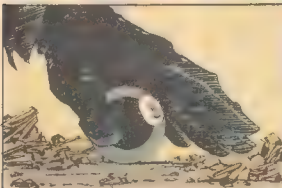


WELL I COULD FORMULATE CONSPIRACY THEORIES ALL NIGHT, NONE OF IT MATTER-

WHAT MATTERS IS THE LAW, AND THAT I HAVE THE EVIDENCE, AND THAT I WAS THE LEGAL SKILL TO HANG BULLET. FROM THERE, I'LL WORK ON THE UPPER ECHELON BOYS...



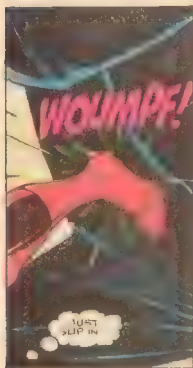
OH, OH! LOST IN THOUGHT, AND BULLET'S COMING

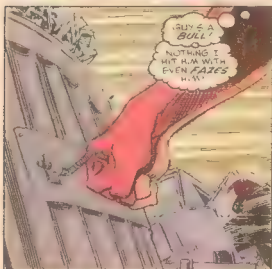


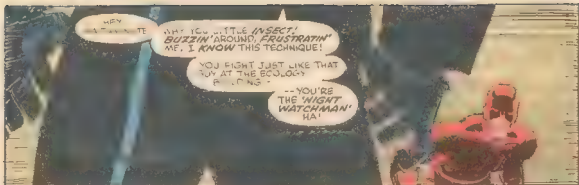
KRK

TSSH!

SO MUCH FOR FINGER-PRINTS.







LATER...

DRUG HOTLINE & FREE ADVICE CLINIC

I CAN'T
FIGURE OUT
WHY KELCO
DOESN'T
SETTLE OUT
OF COURT!

WE HAVE A
STRONG CASE
HERE. IF WE **WIN**
THEY WON'T JUST
HAVE TO PAY TYRONE
COMPENSATION.
THEY'LL HAVE TO
FACE **CRIMINAL**
CHARGES, TOO!

WHY
DO THEY
WANT TO
GO TO
COURT?!

CAUSE THEY MUST THINK
THEY CAN WIN! AND MY
BOY WON'T GET **NOTHIN'!**

BLINDED FOR LIFE
AND HE GETS **NOTHIN'!**

I CAN'T SIT HERE ANYMORE,
I'M GONNA **EXPLODE!**

I JUST WANT TO **BLOW**
KELCO TO **SMITHEREENS!**

ROSS! JUST GIVE
ME MY SHOT!

JUST GIVE ME MY
DAY IN COURT!

YOU'LL
SEE...

YEAH, YEAH.
ALL MY LIFE,
NEVER WAS NO
JUSTICE. AIN'T
NO JUSTICE
NOW.

ROSS!

FORGET ABOUT IT,
MATT. THE MAN'S
ANGER GOES
BEYOND THIS
CASE.

WE'LL GET
HIS BOY HIS
MONEY.

AND WITH BULLETS
FINGERPRINTS,
WE'LL **WIN** THAT
ONE, TOO.

LEAVE IT ALL TO
ME, I'LL DO ALL THE
PAPERWORK. **YOU**
NEED SOME **SLEEP**.

THANKS,
DAVID. MAYBE
NEXT WEEK.

NOW WHAT ABOUT
THE INJUNCTION TO
CLOSE US DOWN?

I'LL PLEAD THE FIRST. FREE SPEECH. NO ONE'S
GOING TO TAKE THIS CLINIC AWAY FROM ME.
TOO MANY PEOPLE DEPEND ON IT...

MATT?

KAREN!
WHAT'S WRONG?!

WHAT?!

TELL ME!

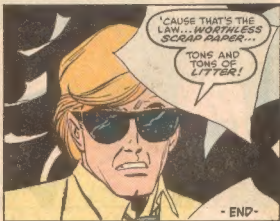
I JUST CAME FROM
THE POLICE STATION...
TALKED TO **BUCKO**
LEARY...

THAT **BULLET**...
HE MADE **ONE**
PHONE CALL--

--AND WAS
OUT OF
THERE.

CHARGES
DROPPED. NO
FINGERPRINTING.
HE'S **FREE**.

I'M SORRY,
MATT...



- END -

BULLPEN BULLETINS

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Behold the savage tempest which I have summoned to blast ye back to the Stygian slime from whence ye came!"

—Thor THOR #388

ITEM: Each week we get thousands of requests for an official Marvel Fan Club. Always anxious to please our ever-faithful fans, we've finally decided to listen to the will of the people! That's right—we've already begun work on putting together a really nifty club for our frantic fans. . . and we'll reveal all the details on how to join in the coming months. We've only got one problem. What should we call it? Since the club was your idea in the first place, we're turning to you for help! Please send your suggestions for a name to:

NAME THE CLUB
c/o Marvel Comics
387 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016

ITEM: In case you haven't already guessed, we're all real proud of writer Doug Murray. Not only has he made THE NAM one of the most interesting comics produced today, but he also won The Veterans Achievement Award for Entertainment from BRAVO, the Brotherhood Rally of American Veterans Organization. Doug's work was chosen over some pretty heavy competition. . . like the movie "Platoon." Way to go, Doug!

ITEM: Major congrats are also due writer-artist Jean Giraud whose Moebius Graphic Novel #1: Upon a Star was recently selected for an Award Of Excellence by the Mead Paper Company in their latest monthly competition for excellence in the

graphic arts. Only five entries which exemplify the highest standards in printing, design, illustration and typography are chosen for this top distinction per month. This graphic novel will also be eligible for Mead's Top of the Top Award competition, which will be judged in January 1988 by an independent panel of graphic experts. We all wish good ol' Jean Giraud the best of luck in the upcoming finals, and we'll let you know how he makes out!

ITEM: Bob Budiansky's Pro File is looming below so we'll have to wrap up the Itemized section of the BBPI. So, until next month, read read READ! Your mind will thank you.

Pro File on: BOB BUDIANSKY

Editor on: AIR RAIDERS; VISIONARIES; WILLOW, ELVIRA, and PINOCCHIO AND THE EMPEROR OF THE NIGHT movie adaptations; MARVEL PRESS Posters; toy company storyline development; miscellaneous; etc. and so on. . .

Marvel freelance credits (past): Penciller/plotter on GHOST RIDER, SUB-MARINER Limited Series, various other stuff.

Marvel freelance credits (present): Writer, occasional cover penciler on TRANSFORMERS. My hobbies are: Stargazing, skiing, taping '60's pop music, snorkeling.

The single work of which I am most proud is: If I pick one, all the others would get jealous (but I kind of like the pencils on the cover of GHOST RIDER #35).

My pet peeves are: Filling out questionnaires like this.

My place of birth is: The Bronx, New York (wanna make somethin' of it?)

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Catching a sinking line drive in centerfield to save a ball game for Marvel a couple of summers ago.

My oddest habit is: Giving undue importance to trivial facts.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Tom Hanks.

The reason I got into comics was: I thought it would be more fun than Civil Engineering.

People who knew me in High School thought I was: Someone else.

My favorite performers are: The Talking Heads, Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, Ronald Reagan.

The last good book I read was: "The Panda's Thumb" by Stephen Jay Gould

The last good movie I saw was: Robocop.

The biggest influences on my work include: Gardner Fox, Stan Lee, John Buscema, Jack Kirby, Steven Spielberg.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To write, pencil, ink and color a book of a character that I've created. I'll let the letterers keep their jobs.

The worst part of my job is: Stapling all those hundreds of thousands of comics together before we send them to the stores.

When nobody's looking I like to: Nap.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I'm much better looking than the drawing of me on the right.



✓ Checklist

- ☐ DAREDEVIL #251
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #35
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #29
- ☐ G.I. JOE SPECIAL MISSIONS #9
- ☐ SLEDGE HAMMER! #1
- ☐ STRIKEFORCE: MORITURI #15
- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #60 — Double-sized!
- ☐ Fall of the Mutants issue!
- ☐ CONAN THE BARBARIAN ANNUAL #11
- ☐ TALES OF G.I. JOE #2
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #338
- ☐ THE PUNISHER #6
- ☐ SOLO AVENGERS #3 — Two stories for the price of one!
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #257
- ☐ STRANGE TALES #11
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #55 — The return of the Mystic Great Beasts!
- ☐ G.I. JOE YEARBOOK #4
- ☐ AVENGERS #288

- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK #340 — The Hulk vs. Wolverine!
- ☐ CONAN THE BARBARIAN #203
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #208
- ☐ SILVER SURFER #8
- ☐ G.I. JOE #68
- ☐ THE UNCANNY X-MEN #226 — Double-sized!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #311
- ☐ IRON MAN #227
- ☐ THE NAM #15
- ☐ THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #135
- ☐ CLASSIC X-MEN #18 — Magneto Triumph!
- ☐ ELFQUEST #31
- ☐ POWER PACK #35
- ☐ THE TRANSFORMERS #37
- ☐ THOR #388 — Thor loses his most prized possession!

- ☐ X-FACTOR #25 — The double-sized issue that's been two years in the making!
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Attention correspondents: if you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Ralph,

You've all gone stark raving bananas! Everything about this issue is totally nuts! The name of this book is DAREDEVIL. And what do you give us? Black Widow and this new guy Crook! And who do we get for an artist? Keith Giffen! Nothing about this issue is what we ever expect from a great book like DAREDEVIL. But you know what? I loved this issue. Crook is a great new character! He isn't a villain, but a tragic case! And it was great to see the Black Widow back again. I will admit that at first I was surprised at her portrayal. Then I thought it was nice to see another side to her. A frightened side. It's a side we all have even if we don't admit it. I hope we get to see more of the Black Widow and Crook. I hope that they take down Project Replicat! Hey—there you go, a free idea for a Black Widow series!

About the art—it's weird. I don't know if I like the drawing or not, but it's so dramatic and moody that it doesn't matter! There are a lot of guys that can draw great looking super heroes, but they all look the same and you can't tell one from another. Not the case with Keith Giffen. I guess that he is not the regular penciler, but what else is he doing? And just who is the regular penciler? And just what is Ann Nocenti like? She comes up with some really strange stories! Until Daredevil regains his sight, Make Mine Marvel!

Dave Sloot
No Address

Glad you enjoyed it, Dave. The regular penciler is John Romita, Jr. And as you can see in this issue, he's out of this world! Keith has drawn issues of STARBRAND, NIGHTMARE and JUSTICE. Currently he is working on VIDEO JACK for EPIC. You should check it out. What is Ann Nocenti like? We're not sure. You see, we keep her locked up in a room with a strobe light and a typewriter. Once a month we go to the door, open a small flap and out pops the latest story. That gives you a hint?

Aloha Ann,

DAREDEVIL #247 was okay. I have read better stories. Maybe I didn't enjoy this issue because of the way the Black Widow was handled. I remember the way Natasha was once, years ago, when she was a really tough agent and heroine. I would like to see that woman again. Give her a new sexy black costume and her widow stings. Why not have her recreate the Lady Liberators? She could include: Phoenix, Thundra, the Black Cat, Namorita, Clea, and Jocasta.

Karen Page is a character that doesn't belong here. Have her go back to drugs. Have her death be a memorial way for us to say NO to drugs. The woman who is ideal for Matt is someone who is very special in our hearts. Electra. Have her return in her new white ninja outfit. This time have her everything Daredevil always saw in her. They do make a great team, and a great

couple. Please think about it. We all know he loves her more than any other. We know the pain he went through when she was killed by Bullseye. Now that she is alive again why not bring Daredevil and Electra together?

Jason Rivera
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Jason, you are absolutely correct in that everyone should say NO to drugs. However, don't you think that it is wrong to wish someone dead for an example? As for Electra, you'll just have to wait and see. Sorry, no secrets given out in letter columns.

Dear Ralph,

DAREDEVIL #247 has a great cover. When I got home I opened up the book and said "Oh no! Not Keith Giffen!" But I read it anyway. About halfway through I started to forget that I didn't like the art. By the end I thought I might even like it. So I read it again. This time I liked the art. It's really strange, but this stuff grows on you. Once you get used to it you start to really enjoy it. I guess you really can't judge a book by its cover, or an artist at first glance.

Fred Johnson
Tampa, Florida

Dear People,

Ya know, DAREDEVIL is the only guy I know who has a billy club that changes color from red to white between frames. Know where I can get one in a shade of blue? I think you know what I'm getting at here. May I suggest making it one color throughout the whole mag, or would I be interfering with a ritual that's been going on since the series began? So, until Daredevil's billy club is a visitor from the lost alien planet of chameleon clubs, Make Mine Marvel!

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Yes, you are interfering with a ritual. It's s...s...s SECRET CODE! Yeah, that's the ticket! (Pshew—that was a close one! We wouldn't want to have to admit to making a MISTAKE!)

Dear Devil's Advocate,

I have been collecting DAREDEVIL for quite some time now and have enjoyed it thoroughly. However, of the many issues of DAREDEVIL I have, not one of them is an annual. I have asked some other people who collect comic books and they agree that there has never been a DAREDEVIL annual. I wish to know why there has never been a DAREDEVIL annual or even a double-sized issue.

I would also like to know why did you just switch costumes around issue 6 or 7? I'm not saying I don't like the all-red one, but a bunch of us in our town would like an explanation.

I would like Daredevil not to be so intensely centered in Hell's Kitchen. And why

wasn't he in the first Secret Wars? Spider-Man was. I would very much like it if you would please answer these questions. Thank you.

James E. Stockbridge
No address

You are right. We should have a double-sized issue. One is coming up soon. Why did Daredevil switch costumes? Good question. In issue #7 D.D. says that he designed the new costume for comfort and to be more striking!

Daredevil in the Secret Wars? I guess the Beyonder didn't think he was significant enough. We all know better though. Right Ralph? Ralph? RALPH, WAKE UP! Boy, some guys never learn.

Dear Ann,

DAREDEVIL is the best. It's never what I expect. It's weird, wild and wonderful! Where do you get all your ideas? And when are you going to get a regular artist? It's fun seeing so many different artists, but please get a regular! Keep up the great work. More Crook!!

Pat Kelly
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NEXT ISSUE: A special FALL OF THE MUTANTS tie-in issue! Blasting out of X-MEN and X-FACTOR, events in those issues throw HELL'S KITCHEN into a WAR ZONE where chaos reigns! Daredevil teams up with the BLACK WIDOW to save New York City! Introducing the new villains AMMO and BAD SEED. Don't miss this double-sized issue called GROUND ZERO! Somewhere in all this chaos, you'll also find the new FANTASTIC FOUR! For that adventure, see FANTASTIC FOUR #312. And while you're at it, there's one more Fall of the Mutants tie-in you should read — IN CAPTAIN AMERICA #339! FAMINE is rampaging across the country, and it's up to the CAPTAIN to stop her from turning the midwest into a wasteland! And speaking of wastelands, this is Ralph and Merc saying. See you next month!

